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## JAVA DECISION

### More British Troops Going

BATAVIA, DEC. 9. HIGHEST AUTHORITIES HERE SAID TODAY THAT THE BRITISH HAD DECIDED TO BRING WHATEVER ADDITIONAL FORCES MIGHT BE NEEDED INTO JAVA TO RESTORE ORDER AND RE-ESTABLISH DUTCH SOVEREIGNTY IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

THE DECISION, WHICH WOULD END BRITISH POLICY OF DEALING WITH THE INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE LEADERS IN AN EFFORT TO WORK OUT A COMPROMISE, IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN REACHED AT THE SINGAPORE CONFERENCE THIS WEEK BETWEEN ADMIRAL LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN AND THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND DUTCH COMMANDERS.

## Reconciled

LONDON, DEC. 9. John Amery, now in Wandsworth Prison, under sentence of death as a traitor for broadcasting over the German Radio, is reported by the Sunday press to have been reconciled with his parents, Mr. L. S. Amery, former Secretary for India, and Mrs. Amery, from whom he had been estranged for nine years. —Reuter.

## Generalissimo Appeals To Students

CHUNGKING, DEC. 9. GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK TODAY INTERFERED WHEN HE WROTE THE AUTHORITIES OF VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN THE YUNNAN CAPITAL, URGING AN EARLY END OF THE STUDENT STRIKE WHICH FOLLOWED THE THROWING OF A HAND GRENADE TO DISPERSE A MASS ANTI-CIVIL WAR DEMONSTRATION MEETING.

The hand grenade killed four students and wounded nine others.

The Generalissimo declared that this unfortunate incident should have occurred "at a time when all students who did carry on their studies wholeheartedly after eight years of struggle."

The Generalissimo said that the "unlucky for strike, it allowed to continue will greatly hamper the task of national reconstruction."

Generalissimo Chiang assured the students that a fair and impartial settlement of the incident would be sought.

The Government has sent Mr. King Chui, Vice-Minister of Education, to Kunming to investigate the incident and take appropriate steps to speed up its settlement. —Reuter.

## PACIFIC SEARCH

LONDON, DEC. 9. The Melbourne Radio today quoted Mr. A. S. Drakeford, Australian Minister for Air and Civil Aviation, as saying that Royal Australian Air Force planes are searching every atoll in the south-west Pacific, south of the Philippines, for possible Allied survivors, who may be awaiting rescue. The planes are dropping leaflets in many languages, instructing natives to direct survivors to rendezvous points over which they will fly a few days later. —Reuter.

## MOOK REPORTS DENIAL

The Hague, Dec. 9. An authoritative government source today denied reports that Hubertus J. Van Mook, acting Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, had been recalled.

The source said that the Dutch Government was considering asking Van Mook to come to the Netherlands to report on the Java situation. It declared that it was not at all unlikely that this would occur. —Associated Press.

## Original

LONDON, DEC. 9. Strips of silver paper dropped by R.A.F. bomber crews over German towns last Christmas to fool enemy radar — an R.A.F. top secret in wartime — are being sold in shops to decorate British homes this Christmas.

There are two kinds on sale, including half-inch strips five inches long, used against radar-controlled flak guns, selling at 10½d a packet. —Reuter.

## Petrol Fire On Commando Vessel

A FIRE, WHICH STARTED IN THE ENGINE ROOM, BROKE OUT ON THE "KANGOR" IN HONG KONG AT ABOUT 7.30 LAST EVENING.

The "Kangor," a medium-sized steam launch belonging to a Commando Brigade, entered the harbour at about 7 p.m. and anchored off Bailey's Yard, in Hongkong.

About half an hour afterward petrol aboard caught fire. With assistance from the fire brigade the outbreak was soon brought under control but not until the stern of the ship had been badly damaged.

An overheated exhaust pipe is believed to have been the cause of the fire. Two fire appliances and a fire float helped in extinguishing the flames. There were no casualties.

## CRIME WAVE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, DEC. 9. THOUSANDS OF CIVIL AND MILITARY POLICE ALL OVER LONDON WERE COMBING DURING THE NIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO CHECK THE UNPRECEDENTED CRIME WAVE SWEEPING THE CITY AND COUNTRY GENERALLY.

This all-out activity followed a whole week in which kidnappings, burglaries, hold-ups and big-scale thefts of jewels, poultry and food have been rampant.

The American and Polish Military Police are assisting Scotland Yard. —Reuter.

## No Mincing Of Words At Big Three Talks

MOSCOW, DEC. 9. SOME FRANK BUT PRACTICAL TALKING, WHICH WILL DO MUCH TO CLEAR THE AIR BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES ON ONE SIDE, AND THE SOVIET UNION ON THE OTHER, IS EXPECTED WHEN THE "BIG THREE" FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET HERE NEXT WEEK.

FOREIGN SOURCES IN MOSCOW ARE INCLINED TO TAKE A CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF THE PROSPECTS FOR THE CONFERENCE, REGARDING IT AS A VITAL PRELIMINARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS DELIBERATION.

Some observers go so far as to express the opinion that the

## Army Thought It Wouldn't Be Right

MEMPHIS, DEC. 9. AN ARMY AIR FORCE CAPTAIN AND AN ENLISTED W.A.C. WERE TODAY MARRIED AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AFTER THE ARMY HAD DENIED THEM A MILITARY WEDDING.

Grounds for the army's refusal were that it "would be official recognition of fraternization between officers and enlisted personnel."

Captain C. Raymond Simpson and technician June Brumfield were refused permission to have the rite performed by an army chaplain in the Military Hospital Chapel. —Associated Press.

## HESS TELLS A.P. THE FULL STORY

NUERNBERG, DEC. 9. RUDOLF HESS, CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, SAID HE DID NOT FLY TO ENGLAND TO ENLIST BRITISH SUPPORT TO ATTACK RUSSIA BUT TO TRY TO HALT THE FIGHTING BETWEEN TWO "NOBLE RACES."

IN WRITTEN ANSWERS FROM HIS NUERNBERG JAIL CELL TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, HESS REVEALED HE HAD PLANNED HIS FLIGHT NEARLY A YEAR BEFORE THE RUSSIAN ATTACK.

As a matter of fact he had taken off several times for England but had been driven back by bad weather each time before his successful attempt on May 10, 1941.

Hess said he expected to be called crazy by Hitler and professed undying loyalty to the man with whom he was incarcerated at Landsberg in 1925 and whom he helped to write "Mein Kampf."

TRIP DELAYED

One novel feature of Hess' statement was his insistence that even Haushofer and Messerschmitt knew nothing of his proposed flight. It had been presumed that both knew of his intentions.

Hess also disclosed that he deliberately delayed his trip for a certain time because of "our military set-back in North Africa caused danger lest my sudden arrival in England would give rise to a false interpretation."

In answer to a question concerning his reaction to the official German announcement that he was demented, Hess said:

"I wrote in a letter which I left behind for Adolf Hitler that I had decided to carry out my intention even at the risk of the Fuehrer declaring me insane. A news item to that effect was, therefore, no surprise to me."

"I am convinced that if I had been in Hitler's place and someone else had suddenly without my permission committed an act that might be misinterpreted and harm Germany, I would also have declared such a person crazy." —Associated Press.

## BANKS REOPEN IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, DEC. 9. FOREIGN BANKS WILL REOPEN HERE ON MONDAY FOR LIMITED OPERATION WHICH WILL NOT INCLUDE FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS.

Customers who had Chinese currency accounts at the outbreak of the war will be able to draw on them.

Those who converted their money into the Japanese puppet currency after the start of the war will be permitted to convert into Chinese National Currency at a fixed rate of 200 to one.

The banks which are to reopen include the National City Bank of New York, Chase National Bank, the Underwriters Bank for the Far East, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Chartered Bank of India, all British, and the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger. —Associated Press.

## HARBOUR ACCIDENT

Three passengers were thrown into the water when an American naval motor-boat collided with a sampan near the U.S.S. YR68 yesterday afternoon.

The motor-boat shot round the YR68 and was unable to avoid the sampan, three of whose passengers ended up in the water. One of them, an 18-year-old girl, received slight injuries and, after treatment aboard the American warship, was taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

## DEMOBBING IS WELL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

LONDON, DEC. 9. ERNEST JAY, "DAILY HERALD" LITERARY CORRESPONDENT, WRITES: "IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TARGET OF 3,000,000 FROM THE FORCES WILL BE REACHED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MAY INSTEAD OF THE END OF JUNE, DATE NAMED IN THE REVISED DEMOBILISATION PLAN ANNOUNCED ON OCT. 2."

"GEORGE ISAACS, MINISTER OF LABOUR, IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT NEXT WEEK ON GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SPEED UP RELEASES IN THE NEW YEAR. HINT OF THIS WAS GIVEN BY MR. ATTLEE IN THE COMMONS ON THURSDAY."

"Mr. Isaacs has already intimated that releases from the forces will exceed the estimate of 1,500,000 by the end of the year. Men and women are already being demobbed at the rate of 100,000 a week. This figure will be increased in the New Year."

"Releases under Class B have now been stepped up from 10 per cent of Class A to 15 per cent, mainly in respect of building workers."

"Service departments have been authorised to offer B release to 10,000 agricultural workers. A few hundred rural craftsmen will also be out soon."

WONT SLIDE BACK

Mr. Isaacs stated at Stanton, Derbyshire, last night that men were coming back out of the forces at the rate of 100,000 a week and "we are not going to slide back."

The War Office announced tonight: "The Secretary for War has found it possible to reduce the delay in the release of officers, as announced on Oct. 16, and he has promulgated a further programme for Class A releases for the Army as a whole."

"The programme is as follows: Male officers—group 21 will be completed by Jan. 9 instead of by Feb. 10. Group 22 will start on Jan. 10 and will be completed by Jan. 24. Group 23 will start on Jan. 25 and will be completed by Feb. 19. Group 24 will start on Feb. 20 and will be completed by a date to be announced later."

Male other ranks—Group 24 to be completed by Feb. 4. Group 25 will start on Feb. 6 and will be completed by a date to be announced later.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

A.T.S. officers—group 23 — will be completed by Jan. 31, instead of Feb. 10 as previously announced. Groups 29 to 35 will start on Feb. 1 and will be completed by Feb. 28.

A.T.S. other ranks and V.A.D.s—groups 41 to 43—will start on Feb. 1, to be completed by Feb. 28. Nursing officers—groups 27 to 32 — will start on Jan. 30 and will be completed by March 3.

Individuals in all groups given above who were domiciled outside the U.K. prior to enlistment may now submit claims to repatriation and should consult their commanding officer as to how their claim ought to be submitted.

No announcement can be made at this stage about the release of larger groups. —Reuter.

## U.S. Marines Shell China Village

TIENSIN, DEC. 9. AMERICAN MARINES FIRED 24.00-MILLIMETER MORTAR SHELLS INTO A CHINESE VILLAGE NEAR ANSHAN ON DEC. 4.

The firing took place after one Marine had been killed and another seriously wounded by Chinese gunmen. Marine Major-General Kelly Rockey III, Amphibious Corps Commander, said today.

The firing was ordered, Rockey said, after the two gunmen, who shot the Marines in "cold blood" had not been surrendered to the Americans. —Associated Press.

## ONLY ONE TO ESCAPE

LONDON, DEC. 9. MR. JIM GRIFFITHS, THE NATIONAL INSURANCE MINISTER, HAS FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINER'S DISEASE OF PNEUMOCOCONIOSIS.

He is the only man of his generation in his village of Ammanford, south Wales, now alive. Reason he escaped was that he was fortunate enough to come out of the pit to serve industry outside the mine.

This was revealed by Mr. G. S. Lindgren, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry, in the Commons yesterday when the Workmen's Compensation (Pneumoconiosis) Bill was read for the third time. —Reuter.

## Share Your Homes Appeal By Minister

BIRMINGHAM, DEC. 9. THERE ARE 24,000 NEW PERMANENT HOUSES UNDER CONTRACT IN BRITAIN NOW. MR. ANEVRIN EVANS GAVE THIS LATEST FIGURE IN GOVERNMENT'S HOUSING DRIVE HERE TODAY.

AND, HE SAID, THE TEMPORARY HOUSING PROGRAMME IS GOING WELL AND PRODUCING BETWEEN 500 AND 600 HOUSES A WEEK.

The Health Minister was in Birmingham discussing housing problems with 500 representatives of 121 local authorities in the Midlands.

He told them that when he took office only 731 permanent houses were under contract.

In addition to the 24,000 now being built, licenses for 1,600 houses have been issued to private builders. By the middle of next year the housing programme should be "in full flood."

SECOND PLACE

Private building, according to Bevan, must continue to take second place to the housing programme of local authorities. A direct consequence of allowing speculative builders to run amok would be inflation in housing prices and the situation might ring disorders.

Mr. Bevan made a special appeal to the conference to persuade people to share their homes. Large numbers of men and women were returning from the forces and they had no homes to go to. Only course open was to ask people to take them in. —Reuter.

## FLOATING DOCK IN HARBOUR

AN UNUSUAL SIGHT ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF PASSENGERS ON THE CROSS-HARBOUR FERRY YESTERDAY IN THE SHAPE OF A FLOATING DOCK.

The dock, which was towed to Hong Kong by S.M.S. "Hart," is the first of its kind ever seen in the Colony. It was brought from Manus, the British naval base in the Admiralty Islands.

Capable of lifting a destroyer, the dock is one of many built in England during the war. It was used in many of the operations in the south-west Pacific against the Japanese.

## BACK IN LUXURY

Seattle, Dec. 9. A party of 601 Japanese nationals, 820 of them women and children, boarded the liner "Matsonia" yesterday for their trip back to Japan. They came here from Chrysalis Springs, Texas. —Associated Press.

## Fancy That!

Manila, Dec. 9. Lieutenant Edwin J. Frick relates how seven ragged Japanese soldiers trekked painfully out of the jungle-covered mountains of Mindoro island, held up a Chinese truck and rode for miles to reach Calapan "just as they could commit 'heart-kill' in my front yard."

He said: "After coming all that way, I surrender they wanted to shoot me for trying to prevent their suicide."

—Associated Press.

## Van Mook Called For Explanation

LONDON, DEC. 9. A REUTER MESSAGE FROM THE HAGUE SAYS DR. HUBERTUS VAN MOOK, L.T. GEN. OF THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, WILL BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR HIS POLICY DURING HIS COMING VISIT TO HOLLAND.

The report was published in a Hague newspaper quoting "a very reliable source."

Question of a successor to Van Mook was discussed in the Netherlands. Some circles hoped that Dr. van Mook would fill this post but that possibility can now be ruled out, and most likely candidates are Dr. A. L. van der Stoep, Ambassador to Washington, and J. H. van Royen, Minister without portfolio, the Journal said. —Reuter.

## Popularity Of A Full Rice Bowl

LONDON, DEC. 9. THE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WHICH IS GOING TO INDIA SHOULD NOT CONFINE ITS ATTENTION TO THE POLITICAL ISSUES, COMMENTS THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER "OBSERVER" TODAY.

As Mr. R. S. Butler, former Minister of Education under the Coalition Government, emphasised at the close of an interesting lecture by Sir William Barton on social work in some of the chief provinces, India's crying needs are economic and to these the Government of India has for some time been giving special care.

Thirty training centres have been set up with more to come as part help to be given to the 2,500,000 Indian soldiers who must be put back into work.

A new irrigation plan for Orissa will add 1,000,000 acres to the 77,000,000 already irrigated by British engineers—more than three times the irrigation in America. And the Food Department is devising and popularising new forms of nourishing food.

To the Congress leaders with whom talk is so much preferable to work, these activities are the cause of some concern.

"Among the millions of India, the popularity of politics cannot compare with peace and a full rice bowl," the paper concludes. —Reuter.

## FRANCE'S POSITION

Paris, Dec. 9. General Charles de Gaulle's office to-night issued the following statement: "France will not protest against her exclusion from the coming Moscow talks if the subjects discussed relate to the atom bomb and do not concern France."

"If decisions are taken on subjects in which France is interested and she is not consulted, she will not feel bound by the agreements signed at the conference and will lodge a protest at that time." —Reuter.

## JAP. CALLED TO WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 9. The Navy has announced that Japanese submarine commander Ikuo Hashimoto has been called to Washington as a witness before the Navy Court Martial in an effort to determine whether the U.S. cruiser "Indianapolis" was torpedoed.

He was summoned to Tokyo by the Judge Advocate in the trial of Captain Charles B. McVay. —Associated Press.

## THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Fair, with moderate or fresh easterly winds, cool; outlook, fair.

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Hong Sang	181, Queen's Road, C.	Chong Koo	110, Queen's Road, C.

## THE GOLD & SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY

# INTRANSIGENCE IN INDIA

## Fostering Temporary Cult Of Disorder

### LABOUR'S TWO-EDGED SWORD

The statement on agricultural policy made in the House of Commons by Mr. Tom Williams, the Minister of Agriculture was like a two-edged sword.

In part it gave farmers some of the things they have been asking for—assured prices, guaranteed markets, and greater security of tenure, but the constitution of permanent successors to the War Agricultural Executive Committee will arouse criticism and concern. Points made by the Minister are:

A system of assured markets and guaranteed prices for the principal products, milk, fat livestock, eggs, cereals, potatoes and sugar beet would be established.

The Government proposed to seek powers to exercise measures of control. Farmers and landowners who failed would be subject to a period of supervision. In the last resort they would be dispossessed, but would have the right to make representations to an independent tribunal.

A Commission would be set up to manage and develop any agricultural land acquired under compulsory powers.

County committees similar to the existing war agricultural executive committees would have the primary duty of promoting efficiency.

### DUTY OF COMMITTEES

At a Press conference Mr. Williams said that these committees would assist in the execution of the Government's policy and would provide local leadership and guidance. They would work in close association with the National Advisory Service.

Owing to the extremely serious food shortage, compulsory directions to grow sugar beet and potatoes must be served, and supervision exercised where necessary over the laying down of grass.

### ANOTHER CRIME TRIAL OPENS

Kwajalein, Dec. 8. The American Military Tribunal here today opened its trial of four Japanese officers charged with having brutally murdered three captured American naval aviators at Jaluit Atoll in March 1944.

The Court recently completed the trial of ten other Japanese officers for behaving five American fliers in Mill Atoll in Feb. 1944 but no verdict has yet been given.—Associated Press.

## Studied Survey Of Situation

LONDON, DEC. 8. THE CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER, "SUNDAY TIMES," IN ITS EDITORIAL PUBLISHES A 1,500-WORD ARTICLE ON INDIA BY ITS IMPORTANT COMMENTATOR "SCRUTATOR."

THE ARTICLE, AFTER REVIEWING THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S SEPTEMBER STATEMENT OF POLICY ON INDIA AND ITS FRESH STATEMENT LAST TUESDAY, RECALLS THAT THE LATTER CONTAINED A WARNING AGAINST RECOURSE TO VIOLENCE AND AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE BY FORCE.

The writer continues: "It was timely and well warranted, in view of the many incitements to violence by Congress leaders in recent weeks and especially by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru."

"Many things have contributed, since September, to foster the temporary cult of disorder—the example of Indonesia, with its butcheries of Europeans, the fantastic attempt to manufacture a heroic legend out of the Indian National Army, promoted by the Japanese and last, but not least, the realization by Congress leaders that it is now or never for them to claim against the Muslims as much of India as they possibly can and that if they rely too much on the free votes of uneducated electors they may find many of their claims reduced to naught."

### UGLY OUTBREAKS

"Be that as it may, there have been very ugly outbreaks at Calcutta and elsewhere. The police and soldiers have been heavily attacked and compelled to fire in self-defence. Riskless attempts have been made to undermine the loyalty of the Services, military and civil alike."

"Tuesday's statement did well to remind those guilty of such follies that they are cutting off the branch on which they want to sit. Whatever be the future Government of India, how can it succeed (or enable India to succeed) except on the basis of efficient and loyal State services?"

And how are they to be had unless the servants are assured of proper protection in the performance of their duties?"

The things of which India stands in the most need—less poverty, more education and better health for the masses of her people—will never be obtained through anarchy, but only through respecting and developing the administrative machine."

### NEHRU DOCTRINE

"Jawaharlal Nehru's doctrine of violence is, of course, directly opposed to Mr. Gandhi's doctrine of non-violence, and not all the sophistries of Hindu politics can conceal the contrast. But it would seem as if they had arrived between themselves at something like a division of labour."

"While Jawaharlal Nehru employs his incendiary eloquence to forward his party's election campaign, Mr. Gandhi is working to improve its position when the election is over. He has been having a series of confidential talks with Mr. Casey, Governor of Bengal, and while their scope has not been disclosed, few can suppose them to have been concerned with Bengal only."

"The next and most obvious question is: What will the Government of India be during the period when the Indian Constitution-making body is attempting to frame the Constitution?"

### HOLDS FIELD

"The Attlee-Wavell declaration of Sept. 19 had the answer. It was that as soon as the results of the provincial elections were published, the Viceroy would take the field."

"I have found that if you aspire to lead you must make a close study of human nature, for that is the raw material with which a commander has to achieve his end. If you neglect the human factor you will fail as a leader."

"Every division, which has fought under my command has had different characteristics; each division was good at a different type of battle. Some were outstandingly good at the deliberate set-piece affair; some were best at night, some by day."

"He did not believe that to-day's commander could inspire great armies, single units, or even individual men, and lead them to achieve great victories unless he had a proper sense of religious truth."

Washington, Dec. 8. The House of Representatives today passed legislation specifying Philippine National elections to be held by April 30, 1946. The measure was passed by the Senate on Dec. 6.—Associated Press.

## EFFECT OF U.S. LOAN ON INDIA

Bombay, Dec. 8.

Sir Chintal B. Mehta, member of the recent Indian trade delegation to the United States, expressed fears to-day that the British-United States loan agreement might harm India by influencing a reduction of her import duties. On the other hand, he said India may be helped by having access to dollars needed for international trade. He said that instead of a reduction in the British debt to India, the money should be used to reduce Indian taxes.—Associated Press.

## More Releases For Housing Promised

A RETURN OF "VERY LARGE NUMBERS" OF BUILDING OPERATIVES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS FROM THE FORCES IS PROMISED BY MR. BEVAN, MINISTER OF HEALTH, IN A CIRCULAR TO ALL HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND.

THE CIRCULAR URGES AN EARLY START WITH PERMANENT BUILDING PROGRAMMES. IT EMPHASISES THE NEED FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE NOT YET OBTAINED TENDERS TO DO SO AT THE EARLIEST DATE, AND NOT LATER THAN THE END OF THE YEAR.

Points from the circular are:

**House Areas.**—A three-bedroom house for five persons should have an area of between 900 and 950 square feet. Before the war the average area of local authority houses was about 750 square feet.

The expedite building, plans drawn up in accordance with the Housing Manual of September, 1944, recommending a range of from 800 to 900 feet, should proceed if already well advanced.

All houses with three or more bedrooms must have two w.c.s on the ground floor.

**Costs.**—The long-term programme of the Government for the provision of houses of high standard which can be let at rents within the means of the tenants cannot be implemented unless building costs can be established at a satisfactory level.

In some cases it may be necessary, under present conditions, to defer the actual installation of some amenities which are regarded as desirable. Provision should be made in the planning of the houses to enable such amenities to be included subsequently, as supplies become easier and prices lower.

**Contracts.**—Because of the importance of taking advantage of the reduction in building costs expected in the near future, contracts should, in general, be limited to the number of houses it is estimated can be built within the next nine or 12 months.

The fullest opportunity should be given to all sizes of contractor. **HIGH TENDERS.**

Labour.—The Minister emphasises the importance of securing an early start with an instal-

## Poison Liqueur

Nagoya, Dec. 9. The 25th Division Headquarters to-day reported the death of seven soldiers and the severe illness of six others from drinking poisonous liquor.

Fifteen Japanese were arrested for selling the liquor.—Associated Press.

## Get Out Of China Says Carlson

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 8. MARINE COL. EVANS CARLSON, IN AN ADDRESS TO THE C.I.O. STATE CONVENTION, PRAISED A RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN MARINES FROM CHINA.

"It is not compatible with democratic ideals for the United States to intervene in the affairs of another country," he asserted, adding that the North China movement was of "tremendous strength and representativeness of the will of the people."

Carlson likewise condemned the appointment of General Marshall as Ambassador to China. He branded it a State Department plan to arrange for Marshall to "help Chiang Kai-shek in military planning and preparations against the Chinese people."

Carlson won fame during the war as a leader of Marine raiders against Japanese-held islands in the Pacific before the big American offensives got underway.—Associated Press.

ment of the housing programme of each authority to meet the most urgent needs in each district, and to make the fullest use of the building labour available.

Such operations would provide a nucleus for the men returning from the Forces. Without such a nucleus it may be impossible to prevent labour from moving from one area to another.

**Tenders.**—If the necessary progressive reduction in house-building costs is to be secured, it is essential to take a strong line regarding tenders which are unreasonably high in relation to the present normal level.

The Minister has felt obliged to withhold approval of a number of such tenders.

He recognises that any delay must be a disappointment to the authority concerned, but he feels sure that authorities will recognise the need for securing, at the outset, an effective control over building prices.

## ENGLAND'S NEW PRIMATE

Dr. Fisher, the new Archbishop of Canterbury, is less well known to Britain's public than his predecessor. Dr. Temple had become famous as a practical theologian and in the end was popularly recognised as the Archbishop who demonstrated how much social matters are connected with religion. Fortunately it is that his successor should be a man of marked competence, with the gift of statesmanship.

The new Archbishop combines exceptional ability with seemingly ordinary characteristics; many people think a special opportunity will be presented to the Church in his time of office: an opportunity for cooperation in Christendom for the sake of world welfare.

From the time that Dr. Temple became Bishop of Manchester, 24 years ago, the Church as a latent community force was steadily raised in the public esteem by him. For example, Dr. Temple early established himself as a leader in educational matters. Then, he wrote a succession of books, excellent in scholarship yet practical and refreshing; books which have influenced leaders among the people, besides the clergy. Thirdly, there was the sphere he personally created, bringing him an eminent position beyond England. He claimed that the Church must take a direct interest in social politics.

In other words, through Archbishop Temple the Church was given a reasoned place in the public mind.

Dr. Fisher comes to his high office at a time when there are other constructive influences in the Church, comparable to the influence exercised by Dr. Temple.

A closer relationship has been gained between the Churches in Europe. In the Church of England, this has been illustrated by the visit of the Archbishop of York to the Russian Church and in the contact by the Bishop of Chichester in connection with the Protestant Church.

Then there is the conference, held every ten years at Lambeth, of Bishops from the whole Anglican Communion, a communion that extends beyond the British Commonwealth. The outstanding general topic that has come before this conference is inter-Church cooperation within the English speaking area.

Finally, there is the world-wide Youth Movement, so familiar and invigorating. In the religious sphere, it draws attention to itself at the International Youth Meeting at Amsterdam in 1950. What is important is that it needs all the direction besides encouragement that can be given to it.

Thus the new Archbishop inherits a recognised position handed to him by Dr. Temple, and is

surrounded by activities that will influence Christendom considerably. The situation is one where, not the office of Archbishop but the person who holds that office will count.

Who, then, is Dr. Fisher and what are his qualifications? The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Francis Fisher has had a

### BY THE REV. GEOFFREY HOLLAND

first class record in scholarship, in his powers of organisation, and above all in his excellent and attractive common sense.

He loves local and country life and is very much a family man. He has six sons. Four are in the Army, of whom one is a staff colonel in the South East Asia Command, another gained a Military Cross escaping as a prisoner of war from Italy. The two youngest are students. With such a boisterous family, it is not surprising to find Dr. Fisher, a friendly person to meet.

### A WISE HEADMASTER

His rise in the Church has been rapid. He became Bishop of Chester in 1932 and Bishop of London only seven years later. It was not, however, in the brief period of promotion but previously that he established his unsought claim to high office. In 1914, when he was less than thirty, he was chosen to be Headmaster of one of the leading English schools. The test came at once, since the Great War had just broken out.

Extremes of opinion, more disturbing than in 1939, gave him hard problems. The new enlightenment was proclaiming, quite rightly, a realist attitude towards economics and war. This appeared at his school. In the face of Germany's menace, it was time (then, as now) when wisdom and patience mattered most. Kindly but firmly he guided the school through four critical years.

At the close of the war, he increased specialised work in the senior forms. Mathematics and Latin were no longer to exclude other important subjects. The forefront was brought the study of history, science, and modern languages. He displayed a flair for choosing the right men to organise the new specialised departments and to develop them freely.

Outside the class-room he set up a Senior Boys' Chapel Committee to comment on the Chapel services and rules. His conduct of the services and his preaching were felt

to be deeply discerning. Beyond Chapel and class-room, he gave full run to those who led debates and discussions. In all that personal sphere, he developed a fine paternal influence. In addition, he easily met the intricate problems of school organisation.

This success, covering 18 years as a great Headmaster, brought the promotion to a Bishopric. That he was unknown to the public was no bar to his selection. As soon as they got to know him, the Chester clergy found that he had great wisdom, clear and common sense. Others recognised that he would achieve further inevitable distinction. They saw that his episcopal gifts had grown to maturity in the considerable world that exists in a large school. This he has proved in recent years as Bishop of London where war problems demanded executive leadership.

### WAR-TIME ACTIVITIES

The Government's War Damage Commission required negotiators to arrange the rebuilding of damaged churches. For that purpose, Dr. Fisher forged a single Committee to act for Protestants and Roman Catholics and became its extremely able chairman. Impressive also was his lucid presentation of the Church Assembly measure dealing with parish boundaries for new housing estates and dealing with pastoral supervision in damaged areas. As chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Council of Churches, he has strengthened links between Protestants. And, on the other side, he has presided with success over the Joint Committee that linked Protestant efforts with those of the Roman Catholics in the Sword of the Spirit movement inaugurated in 1941 by Cardinal Hinsley to mobilise men and women of goodwill.

Now, with the end of the war, the Anglican Church looks to the future with determination. In Christendom, there are fine aspirations concerned with religious cooperation; with greater scope for youth, and closer union between all people of goodwill.

Without doubt, the key-note is the yearning for the spirit of partnership that may originate from the Christian Churches. For they are the outstanding organisations of spiritual power, and they inherit great responsibilities.

In these circumstances, it is believed that the new Archbishop of Canterbury will play an able part in a truly Apostolic task. It is the prayer of the British Commonwealth that, with the other leaders of Christendom, he will be able to show that the very word Apostolic means not only Divine Office but also Divine work in the affairs of nations and of mankind.



# AZERBAIJAN MASSACRE

## Twenty-Three Officials Killed and Mutilated

### Shepherds To Be Released

LONDON, DEC. 9. SHEPHERDS SERVING IN THE FORCES WILL BE AMONG 10,000 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS WHOSE EARLY RELEASE UNDER CLASS B ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO, THE LABOUR MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TO-DAY.

In addition Class B block releases will be offered to men classed as general farm workers, market garden workers, cattle-men, stockmen, yardmen, dairy-men, carters, horsemen, ploughmen, tractor drivers and farm labourers.

Arrangements have also been made for release in Class B of a few hundred rural craftsmen (blacksmiths), wheelwrights, saddlers, estate maintenance workers etc.) who are required for urgent work in connection with food production and whose age and service group is 50 or less. — Reuter.

### JAPANESE GIVE EVIDENCE

NEW DELHI, DEC. 9. TWO JAPANESE DIPLOMATS WERE MARCHED THROUGH RED FORT AT NEW DELHI BEFORE AN ARMED GUARD ESCORT TO-DAY TO APPEAR AS DEFENCE WITNESSES IN THE TRIAL OF THE THREE OFFICERS OF THE "INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY" CHARGED WITH WAGING WAR AGAINST THE KING.

Sunichi Matsumoto, former Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, stated: "I think the only reason the Japanese Government wanted the recognition of the 'Provisional Government of Free India' was to help the Japanese war effort."

Replying to Mr. Desai, Counsel for the defence, on what were Japan's war aims with regard to India, Sunichi Matsumoto said: "to make India independent."

Saburo Ohta, the other Japanese witness, who was in the Japanese Foreign Office throughout the war, produced a copy of a speech by General Tojo, former Japanese Prime Minister, stating that Japan was ready to place the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (in the Indian Ocean) under the jurisdiction of the "Provisional Government of Free India." — Reuter.

### WAR STRATEGY

NEW DELHI, DEC. 9. A FUNCTIONARY OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE, SUMMONED YESTERDAY AS THE FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS IN THE INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY TRIAL, SOUGHT TO PROVE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE LATE SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AS A PUPPET OF JAPAN.

The prosecution elicited from Sunichi Matsumoto, twice vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, an admission that promotion of Azad Hind or Free India was part of Japanese war strategy.

Matsumoto said that Bose was the leader of Azad Hind and the National Army and was brought from Germany to Japan about April, 1943. The witness cast no light on how Bose travelled to Japan. Bose had vanished almost magically from his Calcutta home just before Japan went to war.

Bose, a radical Congress party man who advocated an immediate ultimatum to the British to quit India in 1939, was being prosecuted on a sedition charge at the time of his disappearance and had been informed in his home. Bose was reported killed in a plane crash in Formosa while en route to Tokyo at the end of the war. — Associated Press.

### JAPANESE IN SHANSI

Peking, Dec. 9. Japanese troops and civilians totalling 118,000 are yet to be evacuated from Shansi and south-western Hopei. It was stated here to-day. North China repatriations thus far include 34,479 Japanese soldiers and 6,000 male civilians. — Associated Press.

### Consternation In Teheran

LONDON, DEC. 9. RICHARD WYNDHAM, "NEWS OF THE WORLD" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN TEHRAN, SAYS IN A CABLE PUBLISHED TO-DAY: "THE NEWS OF THE MASSACRE AND MULTILATION OF GENDARMES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN AZERBAIJAN PROVINCE HAS CAUSED CONSTERNATION HERE."

"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRIVE AT THE TRUE FACTS OF THE SITUATION OWING TO THE SEVERING OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMPLETE BARRIER AGAINST ATTEMPTED INVESTIGATION."

"Bits of news have filtered through by 'travellers' tales," scribbled notes smuggled through the barriers or the desperate call of the Persian military radio.

"Westward in Azerbaijan, the town of Marand has been occupied by the Democrats, who proceeded to murder the Chief of Police."

"In the rebel stronghold of Sarab, 21 Gendarmes and two officers were disarmed, murdered and their bodies mutilated."

"In Tabriz, 'free elections' have been held in which no one who opposed the 'democratic movement' was allowed to vote. As a preliminary precaution the Chief of Police there was murdered."

"The elections were carried out in conditions outwardly calm, with the bazaars remaining open; but the atmosphere was tense."

"Mahmoud Maraman, the new Mayor of Teheran, who is reported to be pro-Russian, has dismissed nineteen Municipal employees without giving any reason. Many had 20 years service and are left without giving any reason. Many had 20 years service and are left without a pension." — Reuter.

### RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE

Washington, Dec. 9. Russia blames the trouble in Northern Iran on "reactionary elements which have opposed the extension of national rights" to the people in that area, the State Department disclosed to-day.

This information came with the release of the text of Russia's reply to the United States' note of Nov. 24 urging that all Soviet, British and American troops evacuate Iran by Jan. 1.

Russia pointed out that she had already agreed with Britain to withdraw all troops by March 2 and said she saw no grounds for acting earlier.

Foreign Commissar Molotov also reiterated in his reply that the Soviet Union "adheres unwaveringly" to the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin declaration in Teheran in 1943 which pledged that the three countries maintain "the independence, sovereignty and integrity of Iran."

The Russian note said that the Iranian Government's account of the so-called armed uprising in northern Iran did not, in the Soviet view, correspond to the facts. It declared that the events did not constitute an armed uprising and were not even directed against the national government at Teheran.

### DIPLOMATIC RIGHTS

The so-called popular assembly of Northern Iran is seeking only

### Successor To Adm. Barbey

Washington, Dec. 8. Vice-Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Jr., who has been deputy chief of naval operations until recently, was named to-day to succeed Vice-Admiral Daniel E. Barbey as commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, which now is deployed along the Asiatic coast from Hong Kong to Korea.

Barbey recently was given the 7th Fleet assignment temporarily in addition to his permanent duty as Commander of Amphibious Forces of the 7th Fleet, succeeding Admiral Thomas C. Kincaid, who was transferred to duty as commander of the eastern sea frontier. Cooke has been relieved as deputy chief of naval operations by Rear-Admiral Richard L. Connolly, who was nominated to-day for the rank of Vice-Admiral. — Associated Press.

### SAYS UNRRA IS THROWING MONEY AWAY

WASHINGTON, DEC. 9. THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ORGANIZATION WAS TO-DAY ACCUSED BY REPRESENTATIVE TIVE HORN, DEMOCRAT OF OKLAHOMA OF "WASTE AND INCOMPETENCY IN HANDLING U.N.R.R.A. MATTERS."

Born voted against authorization of additional funds. He declared he felt "too much money was being wasted and improperly used. I want to make such contributions as humanity indicates as essential to the needs of the starving people of the world, and I recently voted for appropriations to carry out our original agreement for U.N.R.R.A. but I feel we have already appropriated enough money, if it is economically and properly used, to accomplish our purpose."

"There is enough incompetency in the handling of U.N.R.R.A. matters to make me feel sure there will be starvation and suffering in Europe regardless of how much money we appropriate." — Associated Press.

### First-Rate Bargain For United States

LONDON, DEC. 9. REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES LOAN TO BRITAIN WOULD NECESSITATE HARDSHIPS OF WHICH PEOPLE AT PRESENT HAVE NO IDEA.

REFUSAL WOULD ALSO ENTAIL INFORMING THE UNITED STATES THAT BRITAIN REGARDS THE LEND-LEASE ACCOUNT AS NULL AND VOID, WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED A SHARP REBUFF BY THE AMERICANS, AND NONE LOOKING AT THE UNCERTAIN WORLD THESE DAYS CAN HONESTLY CONTEMPLATE AN ANGLO-AMERICAN RIOT.

The Conservative "Yorkshire Post" states the loan pact appears to be a first-rate bargain for the United States.

"The Communist 'Daily Worker' asks: 'Is the American loan to Britain to be followed by an international economic agreement or by a cut-throat war for markets, leading once again to trade depression and war?'"

### SIX FLIERS NOW SAFE

CHUNGKING, DEC. 9. CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE SIX AMERICAN FLIERS WHO HAD MADE A FORCED LANDING IN COMMUNIST TERRITORY ON NOV. 1 HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO TIEN-TSIN.

These same sources reported simultaneously the beginning of an offensive by Central Government troops with 100,000 men in Shansi and Honan provinces.

Referring to the airmen the Communists said that the Americans were accorded "good treatment" while in Communist territory although they had "previously strayed the Communists." They were returned, the Communists added, as a sign of "Sino-American friendship."

The Communists said well armed Japanese bolstered the 100,000 Nationalists massed along the Lungai railroad. — Associated Press.

### PROFESSOR LASKI UPSET

LONDON, DEC. 9. SINCE HIS RETURN FROM AMERICA ON THURSDAY, PROFESSOR HAROLD LASKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOUR PARTY, HAS GIVEN NO PRESS INTERVIEWS.

Mrs. Laski told Reuter to-day that since his return the Professor had been very quiet. He had no comment to make on either the Anglo-American Loan or the Indian situation, because what ever he had said in the past had been misinterpreted. Professor Laski had decided to say nothing at all because of this. The Professor will not be attending the annual dinner of the British House of Commons, added Mrs. Laski. — Reuter.

### Edgar Snow Incident

CHUNGKING, DEC. 9. Chinese authorities said to-day that the application of "Saturday Evening Post" associate editor Edgar Snow to enter the Chinese capital was still under consideration. They declined to make any comment pending a final decision. — Associated Press.

### Homma To Go To Manila

Tokyo, Dec. 8. Informed sources said to-day General Homma, who is accused of ordering the Bataan "march of death" for war prisoners in 1942, will leave Tokyo for Manila shortly to stand trial as a war criminal.

Homma, who submitted to arrest on Oct. 15, has been held in prison. The Associated Press informants said plans were under way to fly him to Manila within a few days and indicated his trial would start soon.

Homma, in an interview during the early days of the occupation, denied he ordered the "death march" in which thousands perished, but said he was ready "as commander-in-chief of the Philippines forces to take full responsibility for any acts of my subordinates." — Associated Press.

### N.Z. Needs More Babies

Wellington, Dec. 8. Major-General B.E. Patick, retiring Chief of the New Zealand General Staff, told officers to-day that an increased population was necessary for adequate defence of New Zealand.

He said it would be too costly for New Zealand to maintain a navy sufficient to defend her long coastline, neither could she afford an air force for her sole protection.

Post-war requirements should provide for the maximum force the country could afford being available at vital points overseas wherever needed. New Zealand should train officers and N.C.O.'s of the Territorial Army to the highest standard and store existing equipment for any possible future use while obtaining modern equipment. — Reuter.

### DON'T RUB IT IN SAYS DULLES

New York, Dec. 8. John Foster Dulles, adviser to Secretary of State Byrnes at the London conference of foreign ministers, said yesterday the United States should adopt "a simple publicity-verdict policy" towards extension of material aid to other nations to avoid ill will. "Inevitable disappointment of many hopes could make us the object of well-nigh universal jealousy and dislike," he said. "That sort of spiritual isolation involves a danger from which no world organization and no armaments could protect us." — Associated Press.

### ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

Lord Keynes' original proposal, he says, was that the United States should make a gift with no obligation whatever for repayment either of interest or principal because Britain had in the common cause deliberately sacrificed her export industry, had lost half of her merchant fleet and had accepted a drastic austerity standard of living.

It was only fair, therefore, that the United States should help to equalise matters by making a contribution out of their abundant financial resources.

This contention failed, as did also the suggestion that the loan should carry a nominal rate of interest such as 1/8 per cent.

Gillies declares that American industry is now ready for a large-scale export drive. — Reuter.

### QUIST COMES BACK WITH GOOD WIN

Melbourne, Dec. 8. The Australian lawn tennis champion, Adrian Quist, who had been out of serious tennis for some weeks after a knee injury, came back to-day to beat his fellow Davis Cup player, John Bromwich, ranked No. 1, by 6-4, 1-6 and 6-5, in an inter-state game between Victoria and New South Wales.

At another game Harry Hopman beat Jack Crawford 6-3, 6-3 and 6-0. — Reuter.

### CHING PRINCE ARRESTED

BEIJING, DEC. 9. THE CHINESE SECRET POLICE HAVE ROUNDED UP 250 OFFICIALS OF THE JAPANESE-SPONSORED GOVERNMENT OF NORTH CHINA AS SUSPECTED COLLABORATORS. IT WAS STATED HERE TO-DAY.

Included among those arrested was Prince Ching, a member of the Qing dynasty and three men who once held the post of Chairman of the North China Political Affairs Committee, namely, Wang Koh Min, Wang Ying Tai and Wang Yi Tang. — Associated Press.

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A formal notice has been posted to all shareholders at their registered addresses. Any shareholder who wishes for further particulars should call at the Company's registered office.

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## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

Secretariat for Chinese Affairs

## NOTICE

The Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to appoint Mr. CHAU TSIUN NIN, C.B.E., to act as representative in Kowloon of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Civil Affairs Administration.

Mr. CHAU'S office is in the Peninsula Hotel, Room No. 197; his office hours will be 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

B. C. K. HAWKINS,  
Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

## NOTICE

Subject:—*Payments Army Pension and Dependents of Chinese and British Soldiers.*

1. With effect from Monday 3rd December until further notice payments will be made to the above named individuals in "A" Block Victoria Barracks. Claimants of the following types should present themselves at the following times:

Dependent of Chinese Other Ranks serving with Hong Kong Pioneer Company as detailed by Unit Commander.

Dependents of British Other Ranks

Former Pensioners.

Dependents of Chinese Other Ranks previously paid in China by the B.A.A.O.

2. On all days the office hours for the public will be from 10.00 (12.30 and 4.00-16.00) hours. Claimants should be careful to bring with them all cards of identity and all documents as issued by No. 4 R.A.P. A.I. Control Staff or H.Q. Civil Affairs

3. Claimants who have no cards of identity or authorisation should report to H.Q. 4 R.A.P. W.I. Control Staff, Third Floor Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, who will investigate claims, and issue necessary authorities where entitled.

J. H. GIBSON, MG., RA., Lt. Col.  
A.A. & Q.M.G. H.Q. Land Forces.  
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## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG MEDICAL BRANCH

## NOTICE

The attention of all persons who intend to engage in the private practice of Medicine and Surgery in the Colony after 1st January 1946 (other than Chinese persons referred to in Section 3 of the Medical Registration Ordinance 1935) is directed to:

- In the case of medical practitioners who were not registered by the Medical Board prior to 8th December 1941 the necessity for registration by that Board before commencing to practise in the year 1946, pursuant to the Medical Registration Ordinance 1935. Enquiries concerning applications may be made from Mr. D. Britton Evans, Johnson Stokes & Master, 4th Floor, Hong Kong Bank Building.
- In the case of medical practitioners who were registered by the Medical Board on 8th December 1941 the necessity for obtaining from the Stamp Office a certificate to practise for the year 1946 (Stamp Duty \$60 before commencing to practise in that year pursuant to Section 21 of the Stamp Ordinance 1921).

## WARNING

On and after 1st January 1946 the provisions of the Medical Registration Ordinance 1935 will be rigidly enforced and proceedings will be taken against all persons found to be practising medicine or surgery contrary to the provisions of that Ordinance.

J. P. FEELY, Col.  
D.D.M.S. (CA.)

Hong Kong,  
7th December, 1945.

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

C.A. POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH

## ORDINANCE NO. 13 OF 1919

No person is permitted to trade in or collect marine stores without a licence.

Applications for licences must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay.

Former licences should accompany applications.

C. H. SANSOM.

Colonel C.A. (Police)

Hong Kong,

6th December, 1945.

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

POLICE AND PRISON BRANCH

## ORDINANCE NO. 25 OF 1933

No person is permitted to carry on the business of public auctioneers without a licence under the above Ordinance.

Applications for licences must be made to the Commissioner of Police without delay.

Former licences should accompany applications.

C. H. SANSOM.

Colonel C.A. (Police)

Hong Kong,

8th December, 1945.

## BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG WORKS BRANCH—CIVIL AFFAIRS

NOTICE

WATER SUPPLY

The public is hereby warned that the supply of water to that part of the City of Victoria lying south of Queen's Road and between Road from Bowington Canal to Kennedy Town will be shut off from:

7 p.m. on 11th December, to 7 a.m. on 12th December.  
7 p.m. on 12th December, to 7 a.m. on 13th December.  
7 p.m. on 13th December, to 7 a.m. on 14th December.

to enable essential repairs to one of the main supply lines on the Island to be carried out. It is found necessary to extend the period of restriction supply further notices will be given.

J. FORBES,  
LT.-COL.  
WATER AUTHORITY

## COMBINED SERVICES OFFICERS CLUBS

1. As from to-day, Monday 10th December, 1945 the above mentioned Clubs are transferred to the management of NAAFI/EFU.

2. Consequent on the change of management membership is now free to officers of all British and Allied Men's and Women's Services. Civilian members continue to be admitted under the same conditions as heretofore—they will pay no subscriptions but on election should apply for a membership card which they must produce on demand in the Clubs.

3. Any Member who has paid his December subscription will be reimbursed on presenting his yellow card at the Gloucester Club.

4. The Peninsula Hotel branch will be closed to-morrow, Tuesday 11th December for Stock-taking.

5. The accounts of the Club are being audited to-morrow forenoon, Tuesday 11th December, 1945 and in the afternoon at 7.00 hrs. a meeting is being held at the Gloucester Club to receive the audited accounts. It is hoped that as many former subscribing Members will attend as possible—admission will be restricted to holders of blue or yellow Membership Cards.

For the Management Committee,  
Henry S. A. GERSON,  
Commander (S).

## Football Matches In Icy Conditions

LONDON, DEC. 9. IN ICY CONDITIONS, DEFENDERS HAD A GRUELLING AFTERNOON, WITH MANY HIGH SCORES BEING RECORDED IN THE WEEK-END SOCCER MATCHES. A GREAT STRUGGLE CONTINUES FOR THE LEAGUE NORTH CHAMPIONSHIP, WHERE BLACKPOOL NOW LEAD SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY BY THE THOUSAND OF A GOAL. CHESTERFIELD LED THE WAY FOR A GREATER PART OF THE SEASON, ONLY FOR BLACKPOOL TO TAKE OVER A FORT-NIGHT AGO.

Chesterfield regained the lead last week but, losing by three clear goals to Blackpool this afternoon, are now third, Blackpool, holding five internationals, gained their revenge for last week's defeat.

England's captain, Mercer, turned out for Everton, who trounced Stoke, Mercer paved the way for Walworth's hat-trick. Stoke's only goal was obtained by the international Steele.

Mutch got four of Preston's five goals. Sheffield started well and were going well in 15 minutes, but a few minutes later Preston lead by two to one, Mutch scoring both.

Although Leeds gained an early lead, Sunderland ran out worthy winners, their experimental forward line working better than at any time this season. Leeds defence was hard pressed in the second half, kicking anywhere to relieve the pressure.

CHARLTON AT TOP  
A crowd of 24,000 spectators saw Albion take the lead against Derby in a ding-dong game, but McCulloch, who has signed again for Derby after being demobilised, put the scores level. Both sides continued to score in turn, the draw being a fair reflex of the play.

In League South, Charlton retained their hold on the leadership, luckless Plymouth still being the only English League club without a win this season. Arthur Turner opened the scoring for Charlton in the fourth minute, but Plymouth hit back and equalised, and it was not until near the interval that the League leaders regained the lead through two quick goals. Plymouth fell away in the second half.

Aston Villa are hard on the heels of Charlton and continued their winning sequence at the expense of Notts Forest. Edwards scored twice for the Villa. In a moderate game Arsenal scored a narrow win over Portsmouth. Five minutes from the end, Arsenal were leading four goals to one, but Portsmouth made a great effort to snatch a point, scoring twice before the final whistle.

Millwall stopped the Spurs' winning run by the odd goal of five. The Spurs' amateur international centre-forward, Gibbons, put them ahead after ten minutes, but Millwall equalised before half-time.

The match-winner was Millwall's outside-right Johnson, who time and time again spearheaded the defence. The winning goal came from the centre by Johnson, with Brown heading through.

CUP SURPRISE  
Lawton again proved his worth when opening the scoring for Chelsea and he also scored the final goal.

The best performance in the first games of the second round of the Football Association Cup was Walsingham, holding Brighton to a draw after lagging zero to one at half-time.

In non-League games, Shrewsbury, although having the better of the exchange with Wrexham, were unlucky losers. They missed a penalty near the end of the game. Brooks scored five goals for Aldershot against Newport, which is a small Isle of Wight team. In the Scottish Division A, although Celtic drew, they are now runners-up to the Rangers, who further consolidated their position. Celtic led three goals to one at half-time. A notable performance was that of Hamilton, at the bottom of the League, who beat the Hibs with a second-half goal. Although Hearts led two to one at half-time Motherwell snatched a victory with a hat-trick by Robertson. Dundee are streaking away in Scottish Division B, and now have an eleven-point lead over their nearest rivals East Fife.

The scores were:—

F.A. CUP SECOND ROUND  
Aldershot 7, Newport 1; Isle of Wight 0, Harrow 4; Carlisle 2; Bishop Auckland 4, York City 2; Bristol City 4, Bristol Rovers 2; Bromley 1, Watford 3; Darlington 2, Gateshead 4; Grimsby 1, Mansfield Town 2; Lovell Athletic 2, Bath City 1; Northampton 2, Notts County 1; Oldham 2, Accrington Stanley 1; Port Vale 3; Marine Crosby 1; Queens Park Rangers 4; Ipswich Town 0; Rotherham 2, Lincoln City 1; Shrewsbury 2, Wrexham 1; Tranmere Rovers 3, Rochdale 1; Walthamstow Avenue 1, Brighton 1; Noverall 1; Bradford City 5, Doncaster Rovers 4; Crystal

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## Keen Tussle At King's Pk.

In a keen soccer tussle at King's Park yesterday, Royal Air Force 2nd XI lost to R.A.F. Regiment after showing themselves the better side in a goalless first-half. After the interval, the Regiment gradually got right on top and won finally by four goals to two. Caldwell was prominent for the R.A.F. in the first half. Early in the game, he broke clean through and Smiley saved his parting shot only with great difficulty. Smiley soon afterwards saved superbly from a Caldwell header, while a third grand effort by Caldwell sailed just over the bar. Evans in the R.A.F. goal did not have a shot to save for the first ten minutes. The Regiment then began to press, but they lacked finish in front of goal. R.A.F.'s clever passing moving also finished up relatively tamely. Half-time: No score.

On the resumption, goals came quickly. McCristol scored a picture goal for R.A.F., giving Smiley no chance, and within three minutes, Sinclair had increased the lead. From that stage, two down, the Regiment suddenly found new form, and Evans had a busy time. First Smith's grand pass was headed into the net, and then Brown equalised with a strong drive. The standard of play had much improved and there were thrilling incidents at both ends. The Regiment, however, were last in the net, and their left-winger broke away, beat Cowen and scored with a long drive which left Evans helpless. In the closing stages, Brown put the result beyond doubt.

## COACH ACCEPTS

Los Angeles, Dec. 9. Jeff Cravath has accepted a contract to coach University of Southern California for five more years. It was announced here yesterday. The announcement quickened rumours that the Trojan coach for the last four years would sign as coach in the Los Angeles entry in the All-America Professional League next season. —Associated Press.

## Navy Miss Chances At Sookunpoo

BRILLIANT GOALKEEPING BY SGT. LAW AND A FINE FIGHTING SPIRIT ENABLED ARMY TO BEAT NAVY BY TWO CLEAR GOALS, AFTER A GOALLESS FIRST HALF, IN YESTERDAY'S EXHIBITION FOOTBALL MATCH, AT SOOKUNPOO.

Among those present were His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, to whom the players were introduced, Commodore Everett, Lieut.-Col. Lees and other officers of the Navy and Army.

The pipe band of the 42 Commandos played before the start and during the interval.

For the fact that Navy did not win, they had only themselves to blame. They were seen in many fine movements only to see them come to naught as the result of weak finishing. The Army, on the other hand, was lively on the ball and did not let much slip past them. The Navy might have scored on more than one occasion but for the great display of Law, the Army goalie.

In the first half, defences dominated play and the respective forward lines did not really get going. In the second half, the forwards of both sides were seen to advantage and at one point Navy looked certain to draw first blood but Army's defence, and Lieut. Jack Johnson and Law in particular, came out with flying colours under naval pressure.

## OBJECT LESSON

For the Navy, MacAllister, right-half, was outstanding. His first-time tackling and fine distribution was an object lesson. The backs, Walker and Weddett, were reliable, while Scorer, in goal, brought off some really good saves. The forwards combined quite well, the Martin-Butt combination providing most of the danger. The Navy, however, made the mistake of concentrating on this wing combination too much, ignoring the left most of the time.

The game started with the sides having equal possession of the ball. Play was mostly confined to mid-field with the defences dominating.

Washington, Dec. 9. The Army is unable to understand why Pacific travel priorities have delayed 15 big tankers. Colonel Frederick C. Warburg, Chief of the Athletics Recreation, special services said he will try to find out what the trouble is. The players to-day voted to wait a while longer. —Associated Press.

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# A JOB FOR PIERREPOINT

## British Hangman To Execute Nazis

### Gallows Built In Secret

(By Charles Chamberlain.)

BERLIN, DEC. 9. WAR CRIMINALS SCHEDULED TO BE HANGED AS A RESULT OF THE VERDICT PASSED BY THE BRITISH MILITARY COURT AT LUNEBURG THREE WEEKS AGO ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**JOSEPH KRAMER**, 39-year-old COMMANDANT OF THE HIRKENAU GAS CHAMBER CAMP AT AUSCHWITZ AND OF THE BELSEN STARVATION CAMP, MAILED, FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN, FORMER CLERK AT MUNICH WHO JOINED THE S.S. IN 1933.

Doctor Fritz Klein, grey-haired 58-year-old butcher who was convicted of selecting victims for the gas chamber.

Peter Weingartner, bullet-headed 32-year-old Yugoslav convicted of beating women to death with clubs and rubber truncheons.

Franz Hoessler, 34-year-old German who gave up his photography business to join the S.S. in 1936 and became a concentration camp veteran who made selections for the gas chamber.

Irma Grese, 22-year-old farm girl who was the blonde hostess of the camp, convicted of unmercifully whipping women prisoners with a riding crop.

**RELIGIOUS FANATIC**—Janna Burmann, 40-year-old religious fanatic who found rest in setting a vicious dog on prisoners.

Elizabeth Volkenrath, 26-year-old former hair dresser who, after marrying an S.S. officer, joined the concentration camp system and worked her way up to head the S.S. women of Belsen.

Karl Franzich, 33-year-old former Silesian coal miner, married, father of four children, joined the S.S. and was said to have shot at least 54 inmates at Belsen while he was in charge of the cookhouse.

August Pichen, 32-year-old "monstrous" who changed his nationality from Danish to Polish and then German, became a fanatic.

## Monty Refuses Reprieve

FIELD-MARSHAL MONTGOMERY'S HEADQUARTERS, DECEMBER 9.

FIELD-MARSHAL MONTGOMERY TODAY RULED THAT JOSEPH KRAMER, 38-YEAR-OLD "BEAST OF BELSEN," IRMA GRESE, 22-YEAR-OLD BLONDE WOMAN S.S. GUARD, AND SIX OTHERS SENTENCED FOR CRIMES AT THE BELSEN AND AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMPS MUST DIE.

AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH OCCUPATION FORCES IN GERMANY, HE REJECTED THE APPEALS THEY LODGED AGAINST THE SENTENCES PASSED AT LUNEBURG ON NOV. 17.

Three other Belsen accused who were sentenced to death—Franz Hoessler, Elizabeth Volkenrath and Janna Burmann—decided not to appeal.

Kramer was charged with selecting gas-chamber victims, mass murder, killing 22 prisoners by shooting, beating a Russian girl who attempted to escape and ordering prisoners to "make sport with other prisoners," and Grese with selecting people for the gas-chamber, mass murder and whippings.

The other six whose appeals have been rejected are: Dr. Fritz Klein, 58-year-old Prussian doctor who selected prostitutes for the camp brothels at Auschwitz; he was later transferred to Belsen and was alleged to have made selections for the gas-chamber;

YUGOSLAV CARPENTER

Peter Weingartner, 32-year-old Yugo-Slav carpenter who as a concentration camp guard beat a prisoner to death;

Wilhelm Dox, who shot prisoners during their march across the Harz Mountains;

August Pichen, who was involved in the shooting of inmates in one of the Belsen kitchens;

Franz Starck, who helped to shoot prisoners on their march across the Harz Mountains on their way to Belsen; and

Karl Franzich, who shot prisoners through a cookhouse window.—Reuter.

## POLITICAL SHOOTING IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Dec. 9.

In a disturbance said to have been provoked by sympathizers of Colonel Juan Peron, former Argentine Vice-President, in the Plaza Congress last night, revolver shots were exchanged and three people were killed and 20 wounded.

Two hundred thousand persons were present at the meeting called by the "Democrat Union" for "liberty against Nazism."

The Police did not intervene in the incidents between the Democrats and the Peron sympathizers until the last minute when the Plaza was cleared of people.—Reuter.

## Delighted

Arizona, Dec. 9. When informed of the results of Yamashita's trial, General Jonathan M. Wainwright, who surrendered to Yamashita, said: "I am delighted. I hope that death sentence by hanging is put into effect."

General Wainwright will soon leave for New York to take over command of the Eastern Defence Command on Jan. 15.—Associated Press.

## Outspoken Demand In Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

Immediate removal by the Chinese authorities of one of the most serious obstacles to resumption of normal commercial life in Shanghai has been demanded in an outspoken editorial in the "China Press," independent Chinese-owned English-language newspaper here.

After stating that many offices of American and British firms are still under seal although the Japanese have been cleared from the city area for some months now, the paper said: "We can see no apparent reason why there should have been such a delay. As soon as it is proven that the companies are the rightful owners of the offices, claims they should be given access to the premises. Official red tape or procrastination reflects nothing but our incompetence and lack of efficiency."

"Chinese leaders, both in Chungking and Shanghai, have repeatedly avowed their willingness to co-operate with the Allied nations in rebuilding commerce and industry in China. Let the Administration show everyone that what the leaders have said was not mere empty words."

**LONG OVERDUE**—"You cannot get co-operation from others unless you co-operate with them yourselves. The time for the opening of offices of Allied companies has been long overdue and immediate steps must be taken to relieve the anxieties of Allied businessmen here."

The editorial followed a report, which was given wide publicity, that 24 British and American companies, anxious to resume operations, had no offices and no access to their files and records because all offices on the second floor of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and on the first floor of the Mercantile Bank Building—where their business headquarters were situated—were still sealed.—Reuter.

NARCOTICS CHARGE AGAINST REDS

Chungking, Dec. 9.

Central Government quarters have charged the Communists in Shansi with installing heroin manufacturing plants in Michen (in north-east Shensi) apparently in a diabolical attempt to consummate the narcotic policy conceived and successfully nurtured by the Japanese in occupied China throughout the war.

"More than 60 boxes of raw opium have already arrived at Michen to be processed into the deadly 'white powder' and ultimately to be distributed to adjacent areas," says the Government-controlled Central News Agency.—Reuter.

THAT "IF"

Senator Brewster, Republican of Maine, sought to establish whether it was the military or the Navy that was responsible for the Pearl Harbor attack and war in the Pacific.

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FUEL EXPERTS MEET

Paris, Dec. 9.

British and French fuel experts will shortly hold a conference in London to discuss joint steps towards improving fuel production in the Ruhr and transport facilities for bringing supplies to France.—Reuter.

## MacA Names Jap Gestapo Chiefs

TOKYO, DEC. 9.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR HAS NAMED FOUR OTHER OFFICERS ACCUSED OF SANCTIFYING MURDER, BRUTALITIES AND OTHER CRIMES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

They are listed as: Lieutenant Colonel Ohta, Commander of the dreaded Kempai Tai in the Philippines; Major Zano Saito, Commander of the army "tiger unit"; Major Takashi Ichio of the Manila Kempai Tai; and Colonel Akira Minguha, Chief of the Philippines Kempai Tai.

General Hattori, whose arrest took place recently, will be taken to Manila for trial shortly, before the same type of military commission which sentenced Lieutenant General Yamashita to death. The dates of the trials have not been announced. The

indictment does not accuse Hattori himself of committing or ordering the atrocities but of permitting troops under his command to murder, rape, rob and pillage.

The atrocities mentioned included the bombing of Manila after it had been declared an open city, the bombing of the General Hospital at Batuan, the bayonetting to death of American and Filipino hospital patients, the beheading of an entire Filipino family and the use of Filipino prisoners as live targets for bayonet practice.—Associated Press.

## Hirohito Accused

Tokyo, Dec. 9. Kyodo news agency reported today that the Japanese Communist Party and five other leftist organizations have named the Emperor and Empress and 1,300 others as war criminal suspects.

The list included adult members of the Imperial family.—Associated Press.

## Offer Of Roosevelt Mansion

London, Dec. 9.

The ancestral home of the late President Franklin Roosevelt has been offered as the site for the permanent headquarters of the United Nations Organisation.

Speaking for the committee sponsoring Hyde Park in New York State before the special sub-committee of the United States Preparatory Commission, Mr. B. Frank in London today offered the site together with a number of adjacent estates, some of which are owned by the late President's family.

The offer which will be considered with the others, has been made by the committee of friends and neighbours of the late President.—Reuter.

FRISCO GETS A VOTE

London, Dec. 9.

Australia took the lead today in advocating establishment of the United Nations headquarters in the United States.

The Australian representative said that his vote goes to San Francisco, because it fills all the requirements for a world site.

He said that San Francisco was acceptable because it was situated "between the masses of the world."—Associated Press.

## 100 BOMBERS WOULD HAVE STOPPED ATTACK

WASHINGTON, DEC. 9.

GENERAL MARSHALL TOLD CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS YESTERDAY HE FELT THAT IF THE UNITED STATES HAD 100 FOUR-ENGINE BOMBERS IN THE PHILIPPINES, JAPAN WOULD NOT HAVE DARED TO ATTACK THE ARCHIPLAGO NOR HAVE HAZARDED THE SOUTH CHINA SEAS OPERATION.

HE SAID THAT IN LATE 1941 HE THOUGHT AN ATTACK ON HAWAII "MOST IMPROBABLE." HE STATED THAT HE AND OTHER TOP OFFICERS ASSUMED THAT GUAM AND WAKE ISLAND MIGHT BE SEIZED.

Marshall testified that he did not telephone instructions to Hawaii during the critical days prior to December 7, 1941, because it was not safe. He said that when it was certain that something was going to happen a final warning to Hawaii was sent by regular communications for security reasons.

Marshall explained that he had evidence that telephone conversations between Roosevelt and Churchill were intercepted by the Germans.

He said use of the telephone would have entailed a definite warning to Japan of going to war. He stated he had kept tight the secret because "Japan would have grasped almost any straw to prove to people who doubted our integrity, that she was being forced into the war."

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## Conciliatory Attitude Of Soviet Union

LONDON, DEC. 9.

AFTER TWO WEEKS OF HARD WORK IN WHICH THE QUESTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION'S PERMANENT HOME HAS DOMINATED THE PROCEEDINGS, THE UNITED NATIONS PREPARATORY COMMISSION HAS ALMOST REACHED THE END OF ITS FIRST PHASE, SAYS THE "NEW YORK TIMES."

AT THIS STAGE THREE MAIN ISSUES STAND OUT AS MOST LIKELY TO BOG DOWN THE CONFERENCE SO THAT THE FIRST ASSEMBLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP ITS SCHEDULED MEETING DATE OF JANUARY 8.

They are the permanent site and trusteeship and secretariat problems on which the Soviet Union's views are opposed to the majority.

However, the delegates have been most favourably impressed with the conciliatory attitude shown by the Soviet delegation and not a single problem has been reached on which a satisfactory compromise is beyond hope.

The debate over the site has tended to obscure the vast amount of organisational work accomplished by the conference to build a firm foundation for a world peace organisation.

Almost the entire report of the Executive Committee, which forms the basis for the work now under way, has been reviewed. If this progress continues, the Commission's report should be in session by the middle of the week.

There has not been the same tight unanimity among the Big Five here as at San Francisco.

On the question of site, the probabilities of a two-third vote backing the United States for the permanent headquarters lessened as the week went on.

Britain, Belgium and France led a powerful fight to block such a majority and throw the entire question up to the first meeting of the assembly. Although they could not hope to win the site for Europe, they sought to stall a decision that it would be impossible to reverse in the assembly.

The measure of their success was gleaned in Friday's meeting of the Site Committee when Poland surprisingly forsook the Soviet Union group and declared herself for Europe.

At the beginning of the week the necessity of a two-third vote for the United States appeared to be a certainty. By Saturday, however, it was a tough and go proposition.—Reuter.

## Tourists Win Both Games

London, Dec. 8.

The South African Sixth Division touring rugby side today beat the combined Brigade of Guards 16-0 after leading 8-0 at half-time in the first game of their tour.

The South Africans took some time to find their form but hard running wore their opponents down. Although the South Africans got most of the ball from the light, their three-quarters saw the light of it as the scrum half, Muller, had a tough time at the hands of the opposing wing forwards. The Guards fought back hard in the second-half, Guardsman Ayres, Welsh Guards, doing well at fullback.

The South Africans won by two goals, one penalty and one try. They missed four possible chances of scoring from penalties.

At Leicester, the New Zealand touring team beat the Royal Air Force 11-0, scoring all their points in the first half to retain their unbeaten record. The Airmen's three-quarter disappointed although their forwards got the ball from two out of three scrums. Kipps got a goal and two tries.—Reuter.

## POLITICIANS USING ATHLETICS

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.

The President of the U.S. Sports Federation, Mr. Avery Brundage, stated at the annual Amateur Athletic Union Convention here that amateur athletes in future would have to avoid the temptations of governments seeking political gain, as some European athletes were doing.

He reaffirmed his view that London probably is the site of the next Olympic Games in 1948 and said the Pan-American Games will probably not be held until 1950 owing to political unrest there, although there is some agitation to hold them in 1947.—Reuter.

NATIONALISTS MOVE ON CHEFOO

Tientsin, Dec. 9.

The Nationalist 8th Army was today reported moving north out of Tientsin toward the Communist held port of Chefoo.

The United States marines occupy Tientsin but maintain no patrols far outside the city.

Chinese reports indicated that the Communists intend to defend Chefoo from land attacks and have mined its waters against sea attacks.—Associated Press.

## Cyclones' Softball Win

(By "ONLOOKER")

Pitchers had a bad time with loose fielding at the Recreo ground yesterday when the local Cyclones clashed with the U.S.S. Brannon. Thirty runners crossed the plate, and Cyclones ended up on the long end of a 17-13 score.

Cyclones took the lead from the first stanza, scoring three players after blanking Brannon in 1, 2, 3 order. Barney Abbas crossed the plate after reaching first on a single, stealing second and from there breaking home on a hit by Razack.

The second canto saw Dobaczewski, Brannon's catcher, reach home on a sacrifice hit by Adams. In the third Cyclones blanked them again, while five of their own team scored, giving them a substantial lead of 9-1 which Brannon were never able to whittle down.

They made their big effort in the fourth, with five runs, but the remaining innings broke about even, both sides scoring on errors. Highlights of the game were two brilliant catches both by "Modest" Khan at left field. Adams scored a home run for the losers.

Box scores:

	AB	R	B	SH
S. K. Khan (2b)	6	3	3	0
B. Abbas (ss)	6	2	3	0
Razack (3b)	5	1	2	0
M. Khan (1b)	5	1	4	0
Almolia (p)	5	1	2	0
Remedios (rf)	4	2	2	0
E. Silva (cf)	4	2	4	0
R. A. Bucks (sf)	4	2	4	0
Hartman (c)	4	0	1	0

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Belvel (1b)	4	0	1	0
Farrell (sf)	4	2	2	0
Myers (ss)	4	0	1	0
Nanna (p)	4	2	2	0
Grab (lf)	4	2	2	0
Dobaczewski (c)	0	2	3	0
Adams (rf)	4	1	1	0
Sher (3b)	4	1	1	0
Levine (2b)	3	1	1	0
Senman (cf)	3	0	0	0

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Umpires: Robbins, Nip Lum and Moosden.

Another "free-for-all" will take place next Sunday at the Recreo ground when Terry Noronha and her Rest of the Colony team will go out to take the paint off the Wildcats. Wildcats are sharpening up their claws!

Team managers and captains and all others interested are reminded that a meeting of the H.K. Softball Association will be held in Room 407, Hong Kong Hotel, tomorrow at 5.15 p.m. sharp, for the purpose of re-organising the League. Doc Molthen will preside.

## RADIO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th 1945.

"TO-NIGHT AT 8.30"

(NOEL COWARD)  
ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles— from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 8.30 to 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.52 Megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.45 p.m.—The Merry Macs.

1.15 p.m.—"Romance and Rhythm"—ENS.

1.30 p.m.—News and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Concert "Waltzes."

2.15 p.m.—Barabas von Gruen & His Orchestra.

2.45 p.m.—Close Down.

3.00 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64.

3.15 p.m.—10 and 10 Relay—News.

3.30 p.m.—"Melody Lingers On"—SABA.

3.45 p.m.—Fall & Harvest of Variety.

4.00 p.m.—Fifth Grand & Her Vocal Orchestra.

4.15 p.m.—"To Night at 8.30"—Gordon Lawrence, Noel Coward & Others.

4.30 p.m.—London Relay—News.

4.45 p.m.—"Services Music Hall"—ENSA.

4.55 p.m.—A Dancin' Program.

5.00 p.m.—Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York.

5.15 p.m.—Borgi, by Elisabeth Schumann.

5.30 p.m.—Fayda—Quartet in B Major, Op. 10, No. 4. (Price Quartet).

1.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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